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11. (SBU) MFA Deputy Security and Non-Proliferation Department Head Gabor Horvath discussed reftel with PolOff on July 10. Horvath noted that, while Hungary intends to sign the Oslo Convention on Cluster Munitions, the final text provides flexibility to continue operations and training with those countries that still employ the munitions - an important issue for Hungary. Continuing, he stated that Hungary is currently participating in the negotiations on the Protocol to the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) in Geneva, and he anticipates that portions of the Oslo text will migrate to the new CCW Protocol.

12. (U) The Assistant Army Attache delivered reftel demarche to the MoD Director of International Relations, General Gyenes, on July 9. Gyenes indicated that he would pass the information to the responsible office within the MoD. Foley